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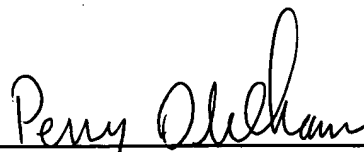
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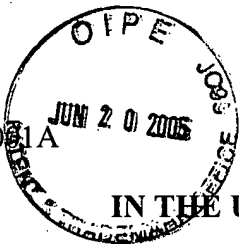
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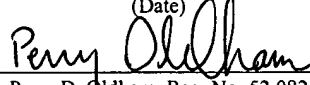
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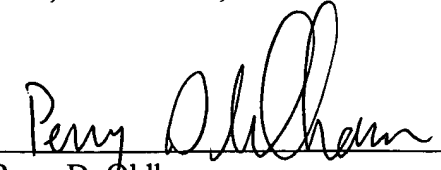
To the extent that there is any implication that the patentability of the claims rests on the recitation of any single feature, Applicants respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's Statement because it is the combination of features that makes the claims patentable. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the claims of the present application are allowable because they each recite a combination of features that are not taught or suggested by the prior art.

Respectfully submitted,

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